

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph [0042] of the published application US2006/0242737 with the following amended paragraph:

**FIG. 9A-C.** Alignment of PFTI genes. The alignment of PFTI genes from five plants using ClustalW (Ver. 1.82) is shown. The genes include rice (*OsPFTI*) (SEQ ID NO: 17), *saccharum officinarum* (*SoPFTI*) (SEQ ID NO: 13), *medicago* (*MtPFTI*) (SEQ ID NO: 15), *sorghum* (*SbPFTI*) (SEQ ID NO: 14) and *Arabidopsis* (*AtPFTI*) (SEQ ID NO: 2). Part 1. Alignment scores (% identity) from pairwise comparison of the five sequences and Part 2. alignment of the five sequences.